

Frequently Asked Questions

The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging

1. What are the requirements to become a member of the Council?

A council member can be of any age or background. The Governor selects individuals who have different geographic, cultural, personal and professional backgrounds. The Governor's Office requires a written application detailing the applicants' skills, expertise, and any other characteristic relevant to an individual's potential for an appointment.

To apply on-line go to the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions at www.azgovernor.gov/bc

2. What are the types of issues that the Council handles?

The Council's mission is to enhance the quality of life for older Arizonans. To that end, the Council is currently working on access to dental care, affordable transit options for seniors, employment opportunities for those age 50+, family caregiver advocacy, and preventing falls among older adults.

3. Do I have to be a member of the Council to participate in committees?

No. Meetings of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging are open to the public, and members of the public are welcome to participate in any of the three Council committees. Each committee is chaired by an appointed Council member and has a variety of Council and public members. If you wish to participate in the Council's work, please call our office at (602) 542-4710.

4. What are the types of things that I will be involved in if I join a committee and what is the time commitment?

The work of the Council is primarily managed through three committees: the **Legislative and Policy Coordinating**

Committee, the Mature Worker Committee, and the Social, Health and Alzheimer's Committee. To learn more about the committees, please click on the appropriate link to the left.

Each committee meets once a month for two hours. Depending upon the nature of the project underway, work may also take place outside of the official meetings. Being a member of the committee may mean developing ideas, making recommendations and building strategies for programs, policies and upcoming events on behalf of the Council. Being a member of a committee is a wonderful way to stay informed in aging issues along with being a great learning experience.

5. [How many times a year does the Council and its committees meet?](#)

The Council meets approximately 10 times a year but does not meet in August and during months with major Council events (such as the Governor's Conference on Aging).

6. [How can I apply to become a Council member?](#)

If you want to become a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, you may apply on the Governor's website <http://www.governor.state.az.us/bc> or contact the office at aging@az.gov to receive a hard copy of the application. Your application will be reviewed for completeness and then submitted for the Governor's consideration. Appointments are announced in mid-October for terms starting the following January. Applications are accepted year-round.

7. [What are the commitments of being a council member?](#)

Council members are required to attend the monthly Council meetings in Phoenix, and to be an *active* member of at least one of the three Council committees. You will need a source of transportation, however, you will be compensated for any travel and lodging expenses related to attending the meetings and Council events. The Council member will be obligated to attend the meetings for three calendar years which is the length of one term.

8. How many openings for Council membership are available each year?

Approximately one-third of the Council, or 5 positions, are open for appointment each year.

9. If appointed to the Council, how long will I serve?

Most appointments are for 3 years.

10. Where are the Council and committee meetings held?

The meetings are usually held in the State Executive Tower, 1700 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007; however, other locations in the Capitol Complex are utilized when space in the Executive Tower is unavailable.

For additional questions or information please contact us by email at aging@az.gov or by phone at (602) 542-4710.